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## The Day Before Christmas

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It's the day before Christmas  
And all through the house  
The puppies are squeaking  
An on old rubber mouse

The wreath which had merrily  
Hung on the door  
Is scattered in pieces  
All over the floor

The stockings that hung  
In a neat little row  
Now boast a hole in  
Each one of the toes

The tree was subjected  
To bright-eyed whims  
And now, although splendid  
It's missing some limbs

I catch them and hold them  
"Be good," I insist  
They lick me, then run off  
To see what they've missed

And now as I watch them  
The thought comes to me  
That theirs is the spirit  
That Christmas should be

Should children and puppies  
Yet show us the way  
And teach us the joy  
That should come with this day

Could they bring the message  
That's written above,  
And tell us that, most of all  
Christmas is love

The happiest of holidays and a happy new year to all  
of you and, of course, to all Beardies.

Karen

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## ***From the Prez...***

Our meeting at the Cliffbreakers was a wonderful success. A good attendance, the brunch was tasty, and the Cliffbreakers gave us a lovely room to hold our meeting. Chris Walkowicz gave us an insight to foreign shows with her video presentation, photos, talk, and by answering our questions. Our meeting produced some good discussion which should prove helpful for the coming year. Please note the minutes.

On January 21, 2006 we will hold our annual meeting with new officers and board officially taking over.

Arlene Fenney has again graciously offered to have us at her home. The meeting will begin at 1:00 pm. Hope to see you there.

## ***Rescue Tales***

Apologies for being absent the last few issues. Don't think that rescue has been quiet, because it hasn't, though there was a lull this Fall. There were several BONE dogs (Beardies mixes) over the summer, along with a wonderful young Beardie boy from the Ant-Cruelty Society in Chicago. "Max" was 15 mos. old when we got him and something of a wild one, but we quickly realized it was because he'd been neglected and was starved for attention. I had him neutered and he settled right down. The change

was amazing. He was a big boy and the most unusual golden color—quite stunning. He was adopted by a family with two very young children in Northern Wisconsin. They now have a new baby as well. Max immediately appointed himself “Nana” (like in Peter Pan) to the children and entertained them royally on their long drive home, keeping them quiet and amused in the car. He has continued this role, loving every minute of interaction with “his” kids.

After almost three months of no fosters at all, I just fostered and place TWO brown Beardies in one week. Both were owner-surrenders and both happened to have come from the same pet store in Skokie, so both were from the same puppy mill in Iowa. One was a very active three-year-old female, counter-surfer par excellence, who was adopted by a family who already has one rescue Bearded, so they knew what to expect and were quite delighted with getting such a gorgeous female who mostly needs some additional training. The other was a seven- to eight-month-old male surrendered because of a divorce, which was a heartbreak. He was a prize, had been to puppy class, and was just the happiest little

guy. After neutering, he went to a family in Michigan with a six-year-old boy. All reports so far could not be more glowing. The puppy had a seven-year-old boy to play with, so the placement was perfect.

We are hoping things will stay quiet until after the holidays, but we are not holding our breaths on that one. We could still use help now and then—transport, fostering, spotting, etc. So if anyone would like to volunteer, please let me know!

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## ***Dog's DNA Deciphered In Detail ...***

The Journal *Nature* released on December 7 announced that scientists have deciphered, in detail, the DNA of dogs and have begun detailed comparisons between breeds and people. The new work has identified signposts in canine DNA that will help in finding genes that predispose dogs to certain diseases, some of which they share with humans (cancers, heart disease, cataracts, epilepsy, deafness, and blindness.) According to the researchers, the results of this study are more complete than the results of a study released in 2003.

### **Minutes Chicagoland Bearded Collie Club November 13, 2005 Cliffbreakers Restaurant Rockford, IL**

**Call to Order:** 12:45 pm.

**Roll Call:** Nancy Steckel, Mary Steckel, Karen Shaw, Ginny Aulik, Dawn Szecsy, Bela Szecsy, Carol Freeman, Gary Freeman, Chris Walkowicz, Ed Walkowicz, Marcia Donaldson, Marilyn Snook, Cheryl Poliak, Steve Klinger, Claudia Diaz, Heather Archibald, Bobby Archibald, Suzanne Jelinski, Arlene Fenney, Mike Fenney.

**Approval of Minutes:** We were too busy having fun to remember to approve the minutes. Minutes from January, May, and July need to be approved at the next meeting.

**President's Report:** Karen welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. She stated that she had been disheartened by the lack of interest members had shown in attending club functions in the past. She said that recently she has felt people just were not interested in the club and that the club may be dying. She was very happy to see the turnout at this annual brunch, as well as the number of people (voting members at present) who have been participating in online discussions on a CBCC email list set up by Bob Gleason. She now feels that CBCC does have a core of interested members who will keep the club going.

#### **Secretary's Report:**

- ◆ A newsletter from the Canine Health Foundation.
- ◆ A request from the Veterinary Medical Center at the University of Minnesota. They are doing a study on the normal range for thyroid level function in certain breeds. If you have a healthy English Setter, American Collie, Golden Retriever, Keeshond, Alaskan Malamute, Smoyed, or Siberian Husky, and would like to take part in the study, contact them at 612-626-0168. Sorry, the email address was illegible.

- ◆ A letter from MRK Sales, Inc. The letter stated that they have added the CBCC to their new Website—PetsinIllinois.com. Their goal is to help pet owners and lovers in Illinois to find all their pet's needs locally. Check them out. After discussion members decided to allow our listing to stay on the site. We should periodically visit the site to make sure that the site is something we want to be associated with.
- ◆ A thank you letter from the University of Wisconsin Foundation for the donation in memory of Earl Lanzendorf.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report. A reminder though that dues should be paid by December 15, 2005.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- ◆ **Nominating Committee:** Presented the following suggested slate of officers for election in January.
 

President	Carol Freeman
Vice President	Dawn Szecsy
Secretary	Nancy Steckel
Treasurer	Claudia Diaz
Board of Directors	Mary Steckel, Bob Gleason, Cheryl Poliak, Arlene Fenney
- ◆ **Membership:** New members voted in unanimously—Heather and Robert Archibald and Suzanne C. Jelinski. New person applying for membership—Patricia Steward.
- ◆ **Secretary's Note:** There was some discussion about letting Board members vote by email to recommend to the membership that new members be voted into the club. In this way, we hopefully can bypass delays in getting people involved in the club and receiving the newsletters. The actual voting by the membership can then take place at the next meeting that is held. We will try this procedure for all new members if meetings are not scheduled for the next month after the new prospective members are posted. A motion was made to this effect, but withdrawn after discussion. It seems that the By-Laws will allow this procedure without a motion. The delays for voting in the above three new members and posting the one new member applicants were because of the CBCC constitution. We had two meetings canceled (July and October) and, therefore, no new members were voted in nor new members posted from May until this meeting. Our apologies for the delays to the three new members and one proposed new member.
- ◆ **Show Committee:** The 2006 Regional will still be held at the Grayslake site. Plans to develop the area seem to be at a standstill for now. Cheryl Poliak, Mary Steckel, and Karen Shaw volunteered to co-chair the 2006 regional. Carol Freeman reported that the 2005 specialty lost a little money. She forgot to bring the records so could not go into detail. She did say that Dawn Szecsy did a good job of covering costs for trophies.
- ◆ **Herding:** There was some discussion about holding a herding event next year. Mid October seemed a good choice since the local shows are over and the National is being held earlier next year. There was a big concern about the costs. There was discussion about whether we really need to have AKC sanctioning. Would this save money? Maybe if we don't have enough Beardies to participate, the best route would be to hold it in conjunction with some other trial. Much discussion for the committee to take under consideration for the next event. Marilyn Snook volunteered to co-chair the committee with Charlotte Laning.

#### **Old Business:**

- ◆ **June Regional Specialty:** Even though we do still have a site and date for 2006, we should continue to look into alternative dates/sites for the Regional in upcoming years—just in case. Ginny Aulik said that the Kishwaukee Club would be glad to have us in conjunction with their shows for a Friday afternoon or evening show. There would be no fees for the use of the site. Bela Szecsy also said that Waukesha would be glad to have us join them for a Friday show in conjunction with their summer shows. There was also discussion about finding an agility club to hold a show in conjunction with.
- ◆ **The Judges Committee:** Will have to look into judges for 2007.

#### **New Business:**

- ◆ There was discussion about possibly putting something in the newsletter and/or on the Website regarding old or unwanted or used dog equipment for sale or trade. Mary Steckel made a motion that the CBCC allow the newsletter and Website to include listing of used equipment for sale or trade. Seconded by Marcia Donaldson. Passed unanimously.
- ◆ It was stated that Cheryl Fehrer had suggested to members that she might not be interested in being the breeder referral person for the club any more. She has not notified the club of this officially so she remains the CBCC's Breeder Referral person. We need to find out for sure her feelings on this matter.

- ◆ Karen asked if the club would support the entry at the Badgerland Kennel Club show in May of 2006. Cheryl Poliak made a motion to support the entry at the Madison show. Seconded by Ginny Aulik,. Passed unanimously. After discussion, Karen volunteered to get prizes and keep costs within reason. Trophies will be for Best of Breed, Best of Opposite, Winner's Dog and Winner's Bitch.

Motion to adjourn by Ed Walkowicz. Seconded by Mary Steckel. Passed unanimously.

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